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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0382

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SU, US, AO

SUBJECT: ANGOLA: SUDANESE CONCERN AT REPORTED INFLOW  
MERCENARIES

1. HEAD WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR  
AMBROSE WOL (GOS AMBHSSADOR-DESIGNATE TO UGANDA)  
SUMMONED AMBASSADOR FEB 7. REFERRING VAGUELY TO ARTICLE  
IN RECENT US NEWS MAGAZINE REGARDING RECRUITMENT OF MER-  
CENARIES FOR ANGOLA, WOL STATED THAT, IF USG IN ANY WAY  
INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY, HE HOPED WE WOULD RECONSIDER.  
CONTINUED MOVEMENT MERCENARIES TO ANGOLA COULD ONLY CREATE  
"CONGO-TYPE SITUATION." HE THOUGHT SOME COVERT FUNDS USG  
HAS ADMITTED TRANSFERRING TO STATES NEIGHBORING ANGOLA  
HAVE BEEN USED FINANCE MERCENARY RECRUITMENT. DRAWING  
ON EXISTING GUIDANCE AND COMMENTS ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SCHAUFLELE BEFORE INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS FEB 5 (WIRELESS  
FILE AF-53), AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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(A) TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE, RECRUITMENT MERCENARIES  
WITHIN US WAS BEING ACTIVELY DISCOURAGED, AT LEAST ONE  
FLY-BY-NIGHT OPERATIVE HAVING BEEN CLOSED;

(B) EXTREMELY LIMITED USG FUNDS USED FEW MONTHS AGO  
HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO FRIENDLY

GOVERNMENTS NEIGHBORING ANGOLA; AND

(C) WHILE USG THUS CLEARLY NOT INVOLVED IN ANY  
MERCENARY RECRUITMENT OPERATION, INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN CITIZENS  
UNDER OUR LAW FREE TO ENLIST IN FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES.

2. AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED WHETHER GOS WAS EXPRESSING  
SIMILAR CONCERN TO SOVIETS HERE, VIEW MASSIVE SOVIET-CUBAN  
INVOLVEMENT. WOL REPLIED HE DID NOT CONSIDER CUBANS  
REPRESENTED "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" BECAUSE THEY WERE INVITED  
IN BY DULY CONSTITUTED ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WHICH GOS HAD  
RECOGNIZED. PLAIN FACT WAS THAT NO AFRICAN COULD DO OTHER-  
WISE AS LONG AS SOUTH AFRICA WAS SUPPORTING OTHER SIDE.  
AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT AFRICAN SENSITIVITIES ON SOUTH AFRICAN  
ISSUE WERE WELL KNOWN BUT SOUTH AFRICANS APPEARED TO BE  
WITHDRAWING WHILE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE NOW NUMBERED  
12,000.

3. COMMENT: EXTENDED DISCUSSION FAILED MODIFY  
WOL'S VIEW THAT CONTINUED INTERVENTION HANDFULS WHITE  
MERCENARIES IN ANGOLA REPRESENT MORE DISTURBING ELEMENT  
THAN OPERATIONS CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. AT SAME TIME,  
FACT THAT AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED IN AT SUCH LOW LEVEL (FIRST  
TIME IN 2-1/2 YEARS HERE) SUGGESTS THAT GOS GOING THROUGH  
MOTIONS TO MAINTAIN ITS THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS. WOULD  
NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE OFFICIAL GUIDANCE RE MERCENARY ISSUE  
IN ORDER NAIL AMERICAN DESK HEAD TO THE WOL.  
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